

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report of the Regional Director on the development of health research;¹

Recalling resolution WPR/RC46.R12 on the development of health research;

1. ENDORSES the recommendations of the Western Pacific Advisory Committee on Health Research (WPACHR) at its sixteenth session and the *Strategic plan for health research in the Western Pacific Region, 1997-2001*;
2. URGES Member States:
 - (1) to undertake priority health research especially as it relates to the new directions advocated in *New horizons in health*, and to disseminate results which can immediately be applied for policy-making;
 - (2) to establish a national focal point to coordinate and manage health research activities, if this does not already exist;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director, subject to availability of resources:
 - (1) to implement the WPACHR recommendations;
 - (2) to continue to support individual and group research training activities;
 - (3) to support research proposals in priority areas;
 - (4) to report back to the Regional Committee at its forty-ninth session through his report on actions taken to strengthen the dissemination of research results in the Western Pacific Region.

1 Document WPR/RC48/11.